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ARCHITECTURE, MYSTICISM,
AND MYTH. BY W. R. LETH-
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"Are there symbols which may be called constant; proper to all races, all societies, and all countries?"

This question of César Daly's Mr. Lethaby seeks in this volume to answer affirmatively, and, it must be admitted, with considerable success, owing to careful use of authorities, some of whom are as modern as Daly, and others so ancient and fantastic as hardly to be considered authoritative authorities at all.

The author, although well known as a favourite pupil of the late John D. Sedding, apparently differs with his master in matters of faith, for naught here would go to prove him more than an unusually careful nineteenth-century scientist, and his deductions in many cases shew the descent of some of the most beautiful architectural forms and impressive ceremonials of Christian worship from the earliest and most archaic paganism.

Granting all his premises as truths, the value of such a volume is somewhat problematical, for to what are we brought. If the orientation of churches be but a perversion of Sabaism, well and good; there are artistic reasons behind this which will continue the usage. And if he proves the waved mosaic pavements of San Marco and Aya Sophia to be but clumsy representations of the celestial sea of glass, it in no way adds or detracts from their beauty.

As an example of simple and direct illustration and book-making, it is worthy considerable study, and could never have been printed in America, though issued from New York.

B. G. G.

ON THE DEDICATIONS OF
AMERICAN CHURCHES: BY
TWO LAYMEN OF THE DIO-
CESE OF RHODE ISLAND.

There comes to us from the Riverside Press at Cambridge a privately printed "Enquiry into the Naming of Churches in the United States, some Account of English Dedications, and Suggestions for future Dedications in the American Church," which is, in many respects, a noteworthy addition to our literature.

The "pamphlet," as its "compilers" modestly call it, is really a considerable volume of more than one hundred and fifty pages, embodying the results of what must have been no small amount of labour in a field of research heretofore, so far as we know, entirely unworked, at least in this country. Here are gathered together in tables the various names used in dedicating churches in the United States and in England and Wales. And a comparison of the results shows not only